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ALPINE MAN SENTENCED TO 100 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON CHILD ENTICEMENT CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that in Midland, U.S. District Judge Robert Junell sentenced 28-year-old Russell Adam Quiett, a former Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) contract employee, to 100 months in federal prison for using the Internet to entice a minor female to engage in sexual activity and receive visual depictions of a minor female engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

In addition, Judge Junell ordered that Quiett register as a sex offender, be placed under supervise release for a period of five years after completing his prison term and pay approximately \$8,000 restitution to the victim's family.

Quiett, of Alpine, Texas, pled guilty to the charges on January 18, 2005. By pleading guilty, Quiett admitted to instigating, and using the Internet to promote, a sexual relationship with a female under the age of 18.

"The Internet is an amazing invention that is revolutionizing our ability to get information. However, it can be an extremely dangerous place for our children because predatory adults are sometimes able to talk to our kids without anyone knowing about it," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton. "Parents: please be aware of who your children are talking to online; and, Internet predators: please know that a federal prison cell awaits you."

This case was investigated by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with investigators with the Brewster County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney John Klassen prosecuted this case for the government.

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